

## **Senate Bill No. 1482**

### **CHAPTER 118**

An act to add Section 3003 to the Government Code, relating to local government.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1482, Correa. Local government: forfeiture of office.

Existing law sets forth the circumstances under which an office is forfeited, including, among other things, upon the conviction of certain crimes specified under the California Constitution or state law.

Under the federal Stolen Valor Act of 2005, a person is guilty of a crime, and may be imprisoned, fined, or both, if that person, among other things, makes a false claim of receipt of any decoration or medal authorized by Congress for the Armed Forces of the United States or any of the service medals or badges awarded to the members of those forces.

This bill would provide that an elected officer of a city, county, city and county, or district in this state forfeits his or her office upon the conviction of a crime pursuant to the federal act, that involves a false claim of receipt of a military decoration or medal described in that act.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 3003 is added to the Government Code, to read:

3003. An elected officer of a city, county, city and county, or district in this state forfeits his or her office upon the conviction of a crime pursuant to the federal Stolen Valor Act of 2005 (18 U.S.C. Sec. 704), that involves a false claim of receipt of any military decoration or medal described in that act. As used in this section, "district" means any agency of the state formed pursuant to general law or special act, for the local performance of governmental or proprietary functions within limited boundaries.